GENE E. CANADA Command Sergeant Major United States Army Security Assistance Command

Command Sergeant Major Gene E. Canada was born at Fort Sam Houston Army Base and was raised in Austin, Texas. He entered the United States Army in September 1987. He completed Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Advanced Individual Training at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

CSM Canada has held every leadership position from Squad Leader to Command Sergeant Major. He has multiple deployment tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CSM Canada's previous assignments include 15th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; 20th Ordnance Company, Camp Dahn, Germany; 50th Ordnance Company and Alpha Company, 704th Main Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson Colorado; 1-2d Aviation Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Mobile, Korea; 24th Ordnance Company, Hunter



Army Airfield, Georgia; 593d Corps Support Group, Fort Lewis Washington; U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (Airborne), Vicenza, Italy; 22d Area Support Group, Vicenza, Italy; U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois; HHC DISCOM, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; First Sergeant, 664th Ordnance Company, Fort Hood, Texas; Military Transition Team (MiTT) NCOIC, Team 2302, 1st Infantry Division, Camp Taji, Iraq; Chief Ammunition Sergeant Major and ACofS G4 Sergeant Major, HHC 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Hood, Texas; Command Sergeant Major, 4th Sustainment Brigade (Provisional), Fort Hood, Texas; Command Sergeant Major, USAG Kaiserslautern, Germany; Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Ordnance Corps and School Personnel Development Office Sergeant Major, Fort Lee, Virginia; and Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Installation Command Europe, Sembach, Germany.

CSM Canada has attended all levels of the Noncommissioned Officers' Education System, culminating with the Executive Leader Course. He is a graduate of the Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Support Operation Course, Battle Staff NCO Course, Command Sergeant Major Force Management Course, Command Sergeant Major Pre-Command Course, Garrison Command Sergeant Major Course, Basic and Advanced MiTT Training Course, and U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. He holds a degree in Business Administration from Columbia Southern University.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 6), Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 5), and German Army Schutzenschnur (Bronze Award) Weapons Qualification Badge. CSM Canada is a member of the prestigious Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe.

CSM Canada is married and has four children.